

Cousin John brightens
up once in a while and
talks quite like himself.
He has told some very
funny stories of the olden
time which I will try to
remember and tell you
when you come home.

I suppose Annie told you
that Cousin Leve painted
two more pictures of the old
house, one end and view,
and one, taking in the
old millard and the back
of the kitchen with the
water barrel etc.

We are having a rain to night
if only it holds out it will be
such a blessing, the grain is
all dying up this week.

Dr Allen is attending to Charles
ears, says he dont see how he
got along at all. says they
are very badly inflamed.
Aunt Jane said she was going

over with
Annie
soon
on down
Sutcliffe
to see
you.
She will
let your
kind
return.
she said
she would
see if
she had
those
shoes.
Dear Millie
April 14. 77
Minnie

I dont know what you
have thought of your mother
for not writing to you for so
long. Thank you for not
returning evil for evil.

I suppose you know that we
have had Cousin Leve and
Aunt Jane here, and now
have Cousin John Sessions
here. I am not making much
progress in your sewing, but
I do not suppose there is any
thing immediately suffering
about that. I am always
expecting that just ahead
of me lies the still unattained
leisure time that is to enable
me to do up the sewing.
As it looks to me now, I shall
reach that time next week

That is to say, if Cousin John goes back Monday as he expects to do. I never saw any one so broken as he is and I confess to some anxiety lest he should be taken down sick and not be able to go back. Annie seems to have somewhat recovered from her cold. Aunt Jane and Cousin Loue say that they do not see but that she is just about as she was. I wish I could think so. I don't think I should know how to get along very long with Cousin John and her in the same house.

The mumps to be are very very warm, and he seems to make her very nervous, by talking so much of his feelings and symptoms.

One thing amuses her very much, and that is the very meek way in which Papa submits when he takes some position about subjects spoken of, positions which if any one else was to take he would take them in hand pretty severely. You see there are but few things about which the two, (the puritan yankee, ^{presbyterian} and the Quaker congregational westerner can exactly agree, and knowing so well as I do the danger of collision on almost every subject that is started I am always a little anxious when they are together, and they used to collide in spite of my care, but Papa has been real good this time and as Annie says very meek.